

REMARKS

This application is a Divisional of copending Application No. 10/089,801 filed on April 4, 2002, which is the National Phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/06915 filed in Japan on October 4, 2000, which in turn claims the benefits of Japanese Application Nos. JP/11-287,390 filed in Japan on October 7, 1999, and JP/11-326,757 filed in Japan on November 17, 1999, all four of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

The foregoing amendments are being made to place the application in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered and considered prior to examination on the merits.

The specification has been amended to relate back to prior Application No. 10/089,801. Specifically, the specification has been amended by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a Divisional of copending Application No. 10/089,801 filed on April 4, 2002, which is the National Phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/06915 filed in Japan on October 4, 2000, which in turn claims the benefits of Japanese Application Nos. JP/11-287,390 filed in Japan on October 7, 1999, and JP/11-326,757 filed in Japan on November 17, 1999, all four of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

Claims 1-5 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 6-12 are presently pending in this divisional application. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments do not introduce new matter and are fully supported by the original disclosure.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required,

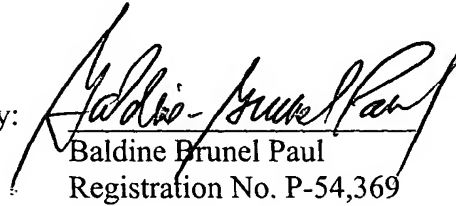
including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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